

EXHIBIT J

COMPARISON OF OTHER COUNTIES

	SLO County Existing	SLO County Proposed	Monterey County	Napa County	San Diego County	Santa Barbara County	Sonoma County
Threshold	50 cy cumulative + other factors	50 cy cumulative	100 cy cut 100 cy fill	Any grading	200 cy cumulative	50 cy cumulative or 3 feet cut/fill	50 cy cut 50 cy fill
Activities Exempted	Ongoing cultivation, new fields <30%, some roads, small ponds, etc.	Ongoing cultivation, routine maintenance, etc.	Ongoing cultivation, new fields	New fields <5% slope, ongoing cultivation < 1 acre. All work to occur outside of rainy season	Only when <200 cy	Ongoing cultivation, new fields <30% -- Must be 50 feet from watercourses and 500 feet from URLs	None
Activities Allowed with Filing of a Form	N/A	New fields <30%, small ponds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activities Allowed with RCD Review	Roads, larger ponds, new fields >30 %, etc.	Roads, larger ponds, new fields >30%, rangeland vegetation removal > ½ ac, etc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Activities Allowed with Erosion Control Permit	N/A	N/A	All non-exempt activities require Erosion Control Permit	New fields >5%, ongoing cultivation >1 ac, any work done in the rainy season	N/A	Roads, leveling and terracing >30% -- Must be 50 feet from watercourses and 500 feet from URLs	N/A
Activities Allowed with “Agricultural Grading Permit”	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Any non- structural agricultural activity – structures limited to greenhouses and shade structures. Can’t have more than 200 cy of imbalance, and can’t involve water courses	N/A	Ongoing cultivation, new fields
Activities Allowed with Grading Permit	Equestrian facilities, structures, nursery specialty, etc.	Equestrian facilities, structures, nursery specialty, etc.	Roads, ponds, etc.	N/A	Any activity not covered under “Agricultural Grading” – i.e. >200 cy imbalance	Ponds, any activities within 50 feet of streams, any activities within 500 feet of URLs	Roads, ponds, etc.
Trigger for Variance	None	None	25% slopes in some locations	50% slopes	None	None	50% slopes

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Trigger for CEQA review	Requires a grading permit AND >10% or >5000 cy	Requires a grading permit AND >10% or >5000 cy	Not specified	>1,000 cy if on slopes >10%; or >2,000 cy	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Discretionary permit required¹	No	No	Roads >30%; changing land from uncultivated to cultivated on slopes over 15% in some areas (e.g. Salinas Valley)	If grading within a stream setback (varies between 35 and 105 feet, depending on slopes)	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Other requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A	Certification required for preparer of erosion control plan, removal of native vegetation limited within floodplains	Ag Grading – owner must sign declaration under penalty of perjury; other permits may be required: habitat removal permit, biological mitigation permit	Oak tree removal restrictions may apply	Ag Commissioner is the permitting authority for Ag Grading; Civil Engineer required for Ag Grading

¹ Does not include discretionary permits triggered due to project located in the Coastal Appealable Zone